

REMARKS

Claims 7, 21 and 23 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended accordingly. Applicants note that there is no claim 31 pending in this application.

Claims 1-25 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-24 of US Pat. No. 6,987,741 and claims 1-32 of US Pat. No. 6,650,869. A terminal disclaimer has been filed for each patent and is attached hereto.

Claims 1-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Rosati in view of Simonsen. The rejection is moot since all independent claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter or canceled.

In view of the above, this application is in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing, referencing Attorney Docket No. 115426-864.

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